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Letter dated 8 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Referring to my letter dated 18 December 2015, addressed to the President of the General Assembly, Mogens Lykketoft, and the President of the Security Council for the month of December 2015, Samantha Power, regarding the candidature of the former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, Srgjan Kerim, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations (see annex), I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 120, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vasile **Andonoski**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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In accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988), based on General Assembly resolution 69/321, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, I have the honour to present the candidature of the former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, Srgjan Kerim, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia has nominated Mr. Kerim for his extensive experience, professional skills and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. His curriculum vitae is attached herewith (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Vasile **Andonoski**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Srgjan Kerim

A seasoned diplomat, economist, scholar and businessman, Srgjan Kerim brings with him a wealth of experience in international political and economic affairs and extensive knowledge of the United Nations system.

With more than 30 years of international political experience, as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia, and President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, Srgjan Kerim has proved himself as one of the most respected diplomatic figures on an international scale. He is a member of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly.

Mr. Kerim began his academic career as a professor of international economics at the University of Belgrade. In addition, he was a visiting professor at the University of Hamburg (Germany) and at New York University. He is the author of 10 books dealing with international politics, economics and youth, and has published more than 100 scholarly papers. He holds a doctorate in international economics from the University of Belgrade.

As a successful businessman, Mr. Kerim is President of the Board of Directors of Media Print Macedonia, in Skopje, and in 2004 he was appointed Chair of the Board of Politika Newspapers and Magazines, in Belgrade. He has served as General Manager for South-Eastern Europe of the WAZ Media Group since 2006 and has been an Honorary President of the Macedonian-German Economic Association since 2008.

Mr. Kerim is a member of the Metropolitan Club in New York City, founded in 1891 by J. P. Morgan. He is also a recipient of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Award and has been decorated with honours by nations such as Italy, Germany, Austria, the United States of America and others. Mr. Kerim has a passion for writing poetry and photography.

"The sovereignty of the individual is the one that needs strengthening, and in order to strengthen that, we must take care of human security." — Srgjan Kerim

See www.srgjankerim.com.

Experience

President, Board of Directors

Media Print Macedonia
2012-Present, Skopje

Member, Council of Presidents

General Assembly
2008-Present

Special Envoy

United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Change
September 2008-December 2009

President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session

United Nations
2007-2008, New York

- Responding to climate change
- Financing for development
- Implementing the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
- Advancing United Nations reform
- Following up on measures to achieve the Millennium Development Goals

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, United Nations
2001-2003

- Vice-Chair of the International Conference of Financing for Development (Monterrey, 2002)
- Vice-Chair of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002)
- Member of the group of facilitators to the President of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session
- Co-organizer of the Regional Forum on Dialogue of the Civilizations (Ohrid, 2003)

Chair

Southeastern European Cooperation Initiative
2000-2001, Skopje

- During this period, the Republic of Macedonia signed the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia
2000-2001, Skopje

Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Switzerland and Liechtenstein

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia
1995-2000, Switzerland and Liechtenstein

Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Germany

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia
1994-2000, Germany

Special Envoy of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe

1999-2000

Vice-President

Copechim — France
1992-1994, Paris

Deputy Minister and Spokesperson

Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
1988-1991, Belgrade

In charge of multilateral affairs:

- Participation in United Nations, Group of 77 and Non-Aligned Movement activities

Minister of Foreign Economic Relations

Government of the Republic of Macedonia
1986-1989, Skopje

Adviser to the President of the Sixth Session

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
1983, Belgrade

Languages

Bulgarian
Croatian
English
French
German
Italian
Macedonian
Serbian
Spanish

Education

University of Belgrade

PhD in Economics
1982

University of Belgrade

BSc in Economics
1971